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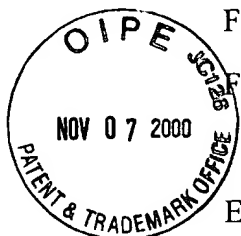
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 9, 2000. Claims 11-14, 38, 39
and 45-49. A request for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response
thereby extending the time from September 9, 2000 to November 9, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIM

Please cancel claims 45-48.

Please amend claims 11, 38 and 39 as follows:

11. (Thrice Amended) A purified polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide
sequence that has at least [50%] 90% identity with a polynucleotide selected from the
group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 9,
SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16 and complements thereof.